

GRAND FORKS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 4, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Commissioners Malm, Triplett, Murphy, Knauf, and Kvasager present. Commissioner Triplett participated via telephone from Bismarck, intermittently.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2007 and August 28, 2007 meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to approve the order of agenda, moving item number 6, US Foods, after item 11, Ed Nierode, Director of Administration. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the consent agenda. Items in the consent agenda included bills as submitted by the County Auditor, Check #126579 thru Check #126649 in the amount of \$82,775.57, employee status changes for Dale Arnold, Yolanda B. Johnston, Jonathan LaDouceur, Dylan Schnieder, Darlene Jensen and Matthew Casper and approval of overtime. Motion carried.

Diane Blair, Base Realignment Impact Committee Coordinator, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chairman's signature on the Request for Proposals Life Sciences Business Development Roadmap. Motion carried.

Bridgie Hansen, Juvenile Detention Administrator, addressed the board.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the Chairman's signature on the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Contract with the Grand Forks County Juvenile Detention Center. Motion carried.

Lane Magnuson, County Planner, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Chairman's signature on a letter to Richard Axvig, Grand Forks County Water Resource Board, regarding a drainage problem in section 5, Brenna Township. Motion carried.

Debbie Nelson, Finance and Tax Director, presented the 2008 Preliminary Budget.

Moved by Kvasager, to increase the employee sick leave payout from 25% of 900 hours to 35% of 900 hours. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to approve the 2008 Preliminary Budget as presented and to set the public hearing on the final budget for September 18, 2007 at 4:20. Motion carried with Kvasager, Knauf, Murphy and Malm voting aye. Triplett was not present for the vote.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, addressed the board.

Moved by Kvasager, seconded by Murphy, to have the Chairman execute and sign the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Denying Special Use Permit to site and operate a Solid Waste Management Facility in section 34, Strabane Township. Motion carried. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Denying Special Use Permit is attached.

Ed Nierode, Director of Administration, addressed the board.

Captain Wagner, Interim Correctional Center Administrator, addressed the board.

Paul Brewinski, US Foods, addressed the board.

Kathy Cook, US Foods, addressed the board.

Jerry Loiland, US Foods, addressed the board.

Moved by Knauf, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Contract for Services with Northeast Human Service Center to provide mental health and chemical dependency services to incarcerated individuals of the Grand Forks County Correctional Center Facility, effective from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009 at a rate of \$1,500 per month. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to appoint Commissioner Murphy and Knauf to purchase a door prize for the North Dakota Association of Counties Convention for up to \$100.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Knauf, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:58pm. The next meeting will be held on September 18, 2007.

Gary Malm, Chairman
Grand Forks County Commission

Debbie Nelson, County Auditor